



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 55**

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**Chairperson:** DiAnna R. Schimek  
**Committee:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Date of Hearing:** January 26, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 55 is brought at the request of the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The bill expands the definition of the term vending facility by including cafeterias, snackbars, and cart services. The bill also eliminates an exemption for small vending facilities to contribute a percentage of the net proceeds to The Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Cash Fund. Currently, vending facilities are not required to contribute to this fund if they do not employ more than three full-time people or the equivalent thereof if part-time employees.

The purpose of LB 55 is to increase business opportunities for the blind. It will also bring Nebraska statutes more closely in line with the federal Randolph-Sheppard Act.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Mike Foley**